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Application Number	10/693,163
Filing Date	10/23/2003
First Named Inventor	Reiner Eschbach
Art Unit	2165
Examiner Name	Neveen Abel-Jalil
Attorney Docket Number	D/A2327

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- ii. Other Amendment Submitted July 13, 2005

- b. Enclosed

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Application No. : 10/693,163 Confirmation No.: 1667
Applicants : Reiner Eschbach and William A. Fuss
Filed : October 23, 2003
Art Unit : 2165
Examiner : Neveen Abel-Jalil
Title : METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR ATTACHING KEYWORDS
TO IMAGES BASED ON DATABASE STATISTICS

Attorney Docket #: D/A2327

Preliminary Amendment Accompanying Request for Continued Examination
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on 5/12/05 having a shortened statutory response period extending through 8/12/05, please continue examination under 37 CFR 1.114. Please amend the specification as requested in the Applicant's reply filed 7/13/2005. Please amend the claims as hereinafter indicated and reconsider their patentability.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2, and the remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.